

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, after the heading “**SPILL-PROOF CANDY CONTAINER**”, and before the heading “**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**”, please add the below listed paragraph in its entirety:

“This nonprovisional utility application is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending U.S. application No. 09/287,798 filed April 7, 1999 and since issued May 14, 2002 as US #6,386,138, which is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending U.S. application No. 09/021,617 filed February 10, 1998 and since issued June 1, 1999 as US #5,908,057 and reissued December 26, 2006 as US #RE39,443, which is a continuation of and claims the benefit under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending U.S. application No. 08/608,854 filed February 29, 1996 and since issued November 10, 1998 as US #5,832,969, which is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending U.S. application No. 08/086,541 filed July 1, 1993 and since issued March 5, 1996 as US #5,495,876 and reissued August 16, 2011 as US #RE42,610, which is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending U.S. application No. 07/828,345 filed January 30, 1992 and since issued September 21, 1993 as US #5,246,046 and reissued March 9, 1999 as US #RE36,131, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by this reference.”